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RALEIGH STANDS WITH RICHMOND IN BANK CLAIMS

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The reserve bank of the board of directors of the City of Richmond, in that city. "Our board has endorsed Richmond, and if a census of Asheville's business men were taken it would show a strong majority in favor of placing the regional reserve bank at Richmond, and no other point."

"The Board of Trade in my town has endorsed Richmond, and will do all it can to aid it in the present fight," said J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, N. C., bank president, capitalist and manufacturer. Mr. Cox, who was the Republican nominee for Governor of North Carolina and was defeated by former Governor Kitchin, introduced the resolution favoring Richmond at the meeting of the bankers in the morning.

Pilgrims Reinforced. The reserve bank pilgrims, arriving with a well-earned victory from Goldsboro at 4:10 o'clock this afternoon, were reinforced at the night meeting by Vice-President H. E. Litchford, of the Old Dominion Trust Company; Cashier Thomas B. McAdams, of the Merchants National Bank; Congressman Andrew Jackson Montague and President Herbert W. Jackson, of the Virginia Trust Company. The latter had left the missionary party at Wilson last night and proceeded to Raleigh in order to be present at the bankers' meeting this morning. All of them made speeches.

Congressman Montague consented to accompany the Richmond delegation to Greensboro and Winston-Salem, where meetings will be held tomorrow. Mr. McAdams will spend part of tomorrow in Durham, where it is reported the commercial interests are unanimous in favoring Richmond's appointment. Herbert W. Jackson, who has proved one of the mainstays of the touring committee, returns tomorrow to Richmond, where he is called by pressing business engagements.

The vacancy in the delegation which has successfully carried the Richmond reserve gospel to five important North Carolina cities in three days, caused by the retirement of Mr. Jackson, will be filled until Saturday by Henry E. Litchford, who will travel with the committee for the rest of this week. He expects to return to Richmond on Monday, after which the burden of conducting the campaign in South Carolina will fall upon George J. Seay, W. T. Dabney and Horace E. Smith.

With the largest and most distinguished gathering that the Richmond delegation has so far encountered to

inspire him, Mr. Seay to-night undertook a more than ordinarily detailed analysis of the currency act and its significance to the country's banking business. Bankers and laymen alike accorded him forty minutes of undivided attention. His succinct description of the law's chief provisions, and his earnest championship of Richmond as a point which meets every requirement laid down by the national organization committee as essential for a regional reserve center, was responsible in large part for the warmth with which the business men present rallied to Richmond's cause.

President Jackson, of the Virginia Trust Company, was in a section of North Carolina where they call him "Herbert," and his appearance before the gathering to-night was the occasion for a storm of handclapping. "If I thought for one moment that a city in this State stood any chance to be approved, I would not be here tonight," he said. "If I did not think that it is the best interest of this, my native State, to have Richmond named rather than a city to the north or a city to the south, I would not be here tonight."

Congressman Montague, who was given a flattering introduction by Chief Justice Walter Clark, made an eloquent plea for a continuance of the strong bonds of commerce and friendship that have bound North Carolina and Virginia from the earliest times. With Virginia, North and South Carolina at one on the location of the regional bank at Richmond, he said, the national committee having the designation of the reserve districts in charge will hardly be able to evade a compliance with their demands. Mr. Montague was impressed with the desirability of a regional reserve bank in Washington. Primarily a city of politics and diplomacy, rather than of commerce, he said, a reserve bank at Washington could not afford to the South the service which that section has a right to demand.

"Washington has not done much for the South in many years," said Mr. Montague. "I have an idea that if it places its reserve bank there, the South will knock at Washington's door harder than it ever did before and get less. The Washington movement has the strong support of New York, and it is not an unreasonable assumption that a regional bank in the national capital will have a directorate composed largely of Northern men, unfamiliar with the South's conditions and needs."

Mr. Montague asked North Carolinians not to inject into the question irrelevant issues. The reference to the rate question was obvious and readily understood. Perhaps, by uniting on the important financial issue now facing Virginia and the two Carolinas, said Mr. Montague, the two States will sooner get together on a better adjustment of the rate question.

Juniors Are for Richmond. Two hundred boys, ranging between twelve and sixteen years in age, constituting the membership of the Raleigh Junior Chamber of Commerce, preceded their elders by fully two hours in

adopting a resolution endorsing Richmond for appointment as a regional reserve city.

The boys were in session in the Chamber of Commerce hall when the adult crowd began filling in at 8 o'clock for the night meeting. The organization, which is said to be the only one of its kind in the United States, had just elected officers for the new term and was preparing to adjourn when the presiding officer called upon Business Manager Dabney for a speech.

Mr. Dabney, who speaks on short notice with equal ease to bankers, school girls and Sunday school excursions, responded with an enthusiastic talk, in which he commended the purposes of the organization and its value as a training school for citizenship, winding up with his ever-insistent appeal for an endorsement of Richmond as a regional reserve point.

"Won't one of you boys offer a resolution asking your Senators and Congressmen to help secure Richmond's appointment as the location for a regional reserve bank?" asked Mr. Dabney, winding up his appeal.

John Koonce, still in the knickerbocker stage, rose to the occasion. He hesitated a minute about the wording of the motion and then said:

"I move, Mr. President, that they let Richmond be it."

The membership approved in a body while the distinguished assemblage of business men, bankers and lawyers applauded. The resolution was forwarded to the Washington authorities in the exact language in which it was offered.

Besides passing the resolution recommending Richmond for appointment, the executive committee of the Bankers' Association appointed a special committee to go to Washington on January 15 to join the Richmond delegation in pressing Richmond's case.

Joseph G. Brown, Raleigh; Elwood Cox, High Point; Cole H. Fries, Salem; A. G. Brenizer, Charlotte; J. C. Craswell, Rockingham; James F. Sawyer, Asheville; George A. Holders, Tarboro; W. A. Hunt, Henderson, and H. C. McQueen, Wilmington.

Speeches were made before the bankers' executive committee at the meeting here this morning by Herbert W. Jackson, H. E. Litchford, Thomas B. McAdams and Congressman Montague. These, accompanied by Raleigh delegation, called in the morning upon Governor Craig at the Capitol and were cordially received. Mr. Montague made no comment on the mission which brought the Richmond men to Raleigh.

Applauds for McAdams. Thomas B. McAdams, of the Merchants National Bank, drew the applause of the night meeting when he stated that he will upon his return to Richmond make a thorough investigation into the rate question, and will enlist Richmond business men in a movement to remove any injustice towards North Carolina that is attributable to Richmond.

At Goldsboro the Richmond delegation was received by a Chamber of Commerce meeting of good proportions. With one or two exceptions the speakers expressed the conviction that Richmond was the principal point for the location of a reserve bank, but the feeling between North Carolina and Virginia cities quiesced in the foreground. Leslie Well, voicing the rate grievance, offered a resolution to present Goldsboro to a hands-off policy, neither endorsing nor prejudicing Richmond's cause. It provoked a warm debate, in which the persuasive power of W. T. Dabney and George J. Seay were put to their severest test. A substitute resolution, offered by J. E. Litchford, identical of the People's Bank of Goldsboro, endorsing Richmond as the only logical location, was carried by a two-vote margin. Among the strong supporters of the substitute were W. E. and J. K. Borden, Charles E. Johnson, E. S. Crow, W. B. Dewey, Henry Well, W. S. O. Robinson and M. Michael.

At the night meeting in Raleigh the resolution endorsing Richmond was offered by E. L. Cox and later seconded by Judge Winston and passed by a unanimous rising vote. The resolution went on record for Richmond "heartily and unreservedly." It authorized President Drewry, of the Chamber of Commerce to appoint a special committee to present the action of the body to the authorities in Washington. Mr. Drewry appointed A. L. Cox, Joseph E. Brown, Charles E. Johnson, E. S. Crow, W. B. Drake, John A. Mills and W. W. Vass.

BAR ASSOCIATION ENDORSES RICHMOND

Resolutions Point Out That Circuit Court of Appeals for Five States Sits Here.

Approval of efforts to locate in Richmond one of the Federal regional reserve banks was given by the Bar Association of Richmond at a meeting held at the city hall yesterday. The matter was presented by Leigh J. Page, George Bryan and Thomas C. Sorden, after which the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Richmond Bar Association and its best efforts to secure the location of one of the Federal reserve banks in this city, be believing that the location of Richmond, its intimate and long established trade relations with the principal cities and towns along the South Atlantic seaboard, including territory which is easily and naturally accessible to Richmond, affording as it does a large and varied demand for credit, makes Richmond a logical place for the establishment of such a bank; whereas it is mentioned as a reserve center would seriously impair the splendid financial and commercial position Richmond has obtained amid unexampled trials and difficulties, and work a material hardship among the business interests of North Carolina and South Carolina, and large portions of adjoining States, which now have channels of trade established with Richmond, working in a most efficient manner.

Be it further resolved, That the president and secretary of this association send a copy of this resolution

to the two United States Senators and to all of the Representatives in Congress from Virginia, as well as to Secretary McAdoo, Secretary Houston and Mr. John Skelton Williams, First Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, assuring them of the support of this association, and of its individual members in their efforts to secure the establishment of one of the Federal reserve banks at Richmond, and of the willingness of the association to respond to any call for assistance that may be made upon it.

Be it further resolved, That the president appoint one member of the association to represent it on the executive committee of the Richmond organization, which is exerting itself to secure a Federal reserve bank, and that he appoint two members to serve on the general committee of the latter organization.

Be it further resolved, That Richmond is the natural center of such business interests, despite its proximity to Baltimore and Washington, is patent to us as lawyers, since here is, and has always been, established the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, for the five great States of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Senators and Representatives from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

JEROME WILL NOT APPEAR

Concord, N. H., January 8.—William T. Jerome, sent word from New York to-night to the commission appointed by the Federal Court to examine the mental condition of Harry K. Thaw, that he would not appear before them to-morrow, as the commission requested. Mr. Jerome is acting as special deputy Attorney General of New York in an effort to extradite Thaw. Jerome's decision not to appear, it is believed, will result in the termination of the commission's inquiry, which is for the purpose of determining whether or not Thaw is sane enough to stand trial for the slaying of Stanford White at liberty under bonds, pending the outcome of court proceedings.



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NO CONCLUSIONS ON BANK QUESTION

Secretary McAdoo Says Opinion Will Be Formed After All Facts Are Submitted.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] New York, January 8.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, who left New York for Boston to-day, after concluding a hearing in the matter of regional reserve districts provided under the new currency law, issued the following statement:

"Neither Secretary Houston nor I have expressed, directly or indirectly, any opinion or reached any conclusions on the banking questions, now the subject of investigation by the organization committee under the Federal reserve act, nor shall we do so until all the facts have been submitted. We are impressed with the great responsibility resting upon us, and with the necessity for impartial consideration of the views of all sections of the country before a decision is rendered. To avoid the possibility of misunderstanding, we desire to say that all interference and statements to the contrary may be accepted as unauthorized."

Many Banks Want to Join. Washington, January 8.—At the end of the second week since the approval of the Federal reserve act by the Treasury Department has received from national banks in forty-five States, 234 notifications of intention to enter the new currency system. Assistant Secretary Williams announced that the National States had presented 166 notifications; the Eastern States, 214; the Southern States, 280; the Middle Western States, 419; the Western States, 192; and the Pacific States, 52.

More than 600 national banks have notified the department of the past week of their intention to join the new system of State banks and trust companies throughout the country have been notified of the department's acceptance of the provisions of the new act.

WEST END CITIZENS

Indorse Movement to Bring Regional Bank to Richmond.

At the meeting last night of the West End Citizens' Association, held in the Rathskeller in Byrd Park, a resolution endorsing Richmond as the location of the Federal reserve bank in Richmond was adopted, and the secretary was instructed to urge the Virginia Senators and Secretary McAdoo, of the Treasury Department, urging them to use all means in their power to have the regional bank located here. Action in other important public matters was also taken by the association, a committee being appointed to see that the Finance Committee to-night and ask that the city do not sell or otherwise dispose of the Clarke Springs property, but preserve it to the end that it may be developed into a public playground. The Finance Committee will also be asked to appropriate \$250 for the building of a municipal clubhouse in Byrd Park. The building of the clubhouse was strongly urged by W. G. Gillette, of St. Andrew's Association, and Frank Adams, of the Christ Church Association. Among the other speakers were Ashby Shea and Robert Lecky, Jr.

Merchants Indorse Richmond.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Norfolk, Va., January 8.—The board of directors of the Merchants' Association, at a meeting held this afternoon, indorsed Richmond as the location for the regional reserve bank. Virginia Congressmen will be asked to lend their support to the movement.

MARINES ORDERED TO JOIN WARSHIPS

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ments from Chihuahua, but that they also had obtained quantities of ammunition. The Federal army has only what ammunition was left after the battle, and has no means of replenishing its stores.

Trip to Chihuahua Abandoned. Maytorena, Sonora, January 8.—General Carranza, most of his Cabinet members and the expedition of General Luce, Blanco and their way to Chihuahua, below Nogales, on the Arizona border. The proposed trip into Chihuahua admittedly had been abandoned.

With Carranza's special train left Hermosillo to-day, it was not known until the main line was reached what direction the Constitutional leader would take. By this route, Chihuahua can be reached only by a circuitous journey over the mountains and north again toward the Texas border. It had been expected that General Carranza would make an automobile trip to Juarez along the Arizona border. Maytorena was the stopping place to-night.

On the train with Carranza were 200 of his bodyguard, and about the same number of men under command of General Blanco.

Maytorena is the insurgent base above Guaymas, which still remains in the hands of General Ojeda's Federales. From this point the trip must be made by stage to Cruz de Piedra, the insurgent outpost south of Guaymas, and thence by rail into Sinaloa.

Manilla No Deserter. San Antonio, Texas, January 8.—General Jose Manilla, who left the Federal army at Ojinaga, Mexico, and crossed to Presidio, Texas, yesterday, did not desert his command, but is secretly in the United States to seek medical attention. This was the report which Major McNamee, in command of the border patrol which took Manilla into custody under the neutrality laws, made to-day to General Tasker H. Bliss at department headquarters here.

General Bliss has refused General Manilla's request to be allowed to come with him to San Antonio for treatment, unless he resigns from the Mexican army.

In Capital on Sightseers. Mexico City, January 8.—Two officers, one a noncommissioned officer and three bluecoats from the Japanese cruiser Izumo are still in the capital and cannot join their ship until it returns from Guaymas to Manilla. This gave rise to a report that this contingent was intended as a legation guard. The Japanese minister points out that they brought no arms or uniforms, and says that when they return to the Izumo they will come to the capital as sightseers. The problem of supplying fuel oil has grown serious. Although rebels have not entirely cut off the supply, it is realized that any time they may destroy wells in the Tampico and Tuxtepec districts, work is being rushed to reconvert locomotives into coal burners, and cargoes of coal are being sent to the rebel territory, and the coal being imported is from the United States, mostly from South Carolina. The shutting off of this supply likely would embarrass the government a good deal, as it would necessitate application to markets further removed, thus delaying receipts.

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Bleached Crash for kitchen towels, yard 4c
17c Heavy Huck Towels, large size, full bleached, 12 1/2c each
50c Table Damask, mercerized, a beautiful pattern; yard, 35c only
75c Check Waists, neatly made, only 39c
Infants' Skirts, made of pink or blue cotton flannel, only 10c
75c Wash Dresses, well made, sizes up to 14 years; each, 36c only

WHITE GOODS.
10c Plain Nainsook, for fine underwear, yard wide, soft finish in remnants, yard, 53 1/4c
25c Marney Linen, finest quality, 40 inches wide; yard 12 1/2c
17c India Linon, extra fine texture, yard, 103 1/4c
15c Gloria Waisting, very durable for white waists, yard 73 1/4c
25c White Mummy Cloth or Crepe, very fine quality, yard 12 1/2c
15c Batiste, 40 inches wide, in assorted grades; choice, yard 93 1/4c

BEDDINGS.
Extra Heavy 75c Bleached Sheets, size 81x90, free from dressing; some have slight mill imperfections; on Friday, choice 47c
10c Bleached Pillow Cases, each 6 3/4c
75c Double-Red Blankets, heavy grade, in gray, tan or white, each 35c
\$4.80 Heavy Wool Finished Blankets, with pink or blue border, binding to match, 11-14 size, only \$3.50
\$1.00 White Crochet Spreads, large size, only 89c



WHOLE STATE UNITED IN FIGHT FOR BANK

Congressman Flood Sends Word That Richmond Can Count on His Best Help.

George W. Kolner, Commissioner of Agriculture, sent out yesterday letters to all parts of Virginia, urging farmers in all parts of Virginia to call attention to the efforts being made to secure the location of the Federal reserve bank in Richmond. Mr. Kolner also urged the State's farmers to support the movement. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Mr. Kolner also urged the State's farmers to support the movement. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Mr. Kolner also urged the State's farmers to support the movement.

Flood Wins Support. A long distance telephone message was received yesterday from Congressman H. D. Flood, pledging his hearty indorsement to the movement, thus giving the movement the absolute support of all ten Congressmen and two Virginia Senators. Congressman C. B. Slemmons, of the Ninth District, votes with the Republicans, but is a man of large affairs and strong following in Southwest Virginia. He has advised the committee of the State's efforts to locate one of the regional reserve banks in Richmond, regarding the proper place for the center of this section of the country.

Strong resolutions were passed by the Bar Association of Richmond yesterday afternoon, one of the points made being that Richmond was ready been shown to be a suitable central point for the business of five States, since it has been selected as the main sitting place of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, embracing Maryland, West Virginia, North and South Carolina and the District of Columbia. From advice received yesterday the local committee believes that when it comes to make its presentation before the proper place for the center of this section of the country, it will have not only the entire support of the Virginia delegation in Congress,



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